

# The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



*A Small School With Great Expectations*

Weekly Newsletter  
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## **Extreme Environments !**

Our year 5 and 6 pupils started the new school year's programme of assemblies with a brilliant performance on Thursday morning. They are studying a thematic unit entitled 'Extreme Environments' this autumn and have been reading and undertaking work on 'The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest'. The author and artist Lynne Cherry journeyed deep into the rain forests of Brazil to write and illustrate her gorgeous picture book. One day, a man exhausts himself trying to chop down a giant kapok tree. While he sleeps, the forest's residents, including a child from the Yanomamo tribe, whisper in his ear about the importance of trees and how "all living things depend on one another" . . . and it works. Our pupils have delighted in reading this and enjoyed reciting it, acting it out and singing about it in assembly. It is certainly amazing how quickly children learn and remember when they are enjoying a unit and the assembly was testament to this. Well done to everyone who took part.

## **Eco-School !**

It is our aim to be as ecologically friendly as we can at Stepney. Year 6 always have a wide range of monitors for various jobs around the school. Pupils enjoy having the responsibility for different tasks. One of these is 'recycling monitor'. Two pupils are chosen to go around the school each week to collect the paper recycling boxes that are kept in each classroom. These are then emptied into the big recycling bin. As a school, we have also been looking at other ways of 'reducing' and eliminating wastage. We are replacing our system of

colour printers with a 'networked' colour photocopier/printer system, which should use considerably less ink and cartridges. The system is much more efficient, cost effective and reduces waste. Two new machines are on their way from the Netherlands and should be with us next week.

## **Football Match Results !**

Our footballers are still working on achieving their first win of the season. On Thursday evening, they played against Collingwood Primary in two matches, losing the first one narrowly by 2 goals to 1, then the second by 4 goals to nil. That elusive victory is getting nearer with the boys and girls in the team getting used to playing as a team.

## **PE Kit and Footwear Reminder !**

We have been delighted with the response from the vast majority of parents and carers to our PE kit request. This year, we have altered our PE procedures by requesting that pupils bring their PE kits to school on Monday so they have them at school all week and are ready to undertake PE activities. As well as looking really good with everyone wearing the same kit, it enables more pupils to take part in exercise and games activities. It is a legal requirement of schools to provide PE each week and it does form a major part of our school ethos to educate pupils in keeping themselves fit and healthy. We view it as important as developing English and Maths skills. Many thanks to those who provide appropriate footwear. Trainers are the best footwear for PE as they give proper support for feet and subsequently legs. Some pupils are

still coming to school without the correct footwear for PE and this is making it really hard for them to participate properly. As the days are beginning to get colder, pupils may bring black track-suit bottoms for PE outdoors.

## **Parents'/Carers' Consultation Days !**

Just a reminder that Consultation Days begin next Monday. As usual it gives you that vital chance to find out how well your child is doing and his/her targets.

### **Dates, Times & Venues:**

#### **Monday 29th September**

9am - Noon and 1.30pm-3pm  
Miss Johnson (Nursery teacher) –  
Headteacher's Office (Ground Floor)

#### **Monday 29th September**

1.30pm-5.30pm  
Miss Hatfield (Reception teacher) –  
Pastoral Room (Ground Floor)

#### **Tuesday 30th September**

1.30-5.30pm  
Mr Cameron (Year 1/2 ) Head's Office  
Mrs Smart (Year 2 teacher) – Pastoral  
Room (Ground Floor)  
Miss Stephenson (Year 1/2) – Deputy  
Head's Office (First Floor)

#### **Wednesday 1st October**

1.30pm - 5.30pm  
Mrs Brocklebank & Mrs Wilde (Year  
5/6 teachers) – Headteacher's Office  
Miss Patrick (Year 5/6 teacher) – Pas-  
toral Room (Ground Floor)  
Miss Atkinson & Ms Saint (Year 5  
teachers) – Deputy Head's Office

#### **Thursday 2nd October**

1.30pm - 5.30pm  
Miss Northen (Yr 3/4) Head's Office  
Mr Ingram (Yr 3/4) Deputy Head  
Miss Baitson (Year 4 teacher) Year 4  
Classroom (First Floor)

**Child Protection: Please remember to report Child Protection concerns to Miss J. Atkinson**

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**Please bring your  
PE Kit  
to school on  
Monday mornings!**

**Rainbow Writing Winners**

Phase 1/2: Jakub, Keyshia & Matthew  
Phase 3/4: Brooke, Cara & Madiha  
Phase 5/6: Bartek, Connor & Morgan

**Mighty Maths Winners**

Phase 1/2: Alex, Dominik & Krzysztof  
Phase 3/4: Liya, Megan  
Phase 5/6: Rifath, Saimah & Sinead

**Stars of the Week!**

EYFS - Lenya  
Phase 1-2 - Jack, Jakub  
Phase 3-4 - Courtney, Kori & Muna  
Phase 5-6 - Andy, Dominik & Lewis



**MENU 1**

**Monday**

**Today's Menu:** Omelette, Wedges, Peas and Sweetcorn.

**Vegetarian option:** Spaghetti Napoliteine

**Dessert:** Chocolate Sponge and Custard.

**Tuesday**

**Today's Menu:** Mince and Dumplings, Mashed Potato, Cauliflower and Broccoli.

**Vegetarian Option:** Quorn Mince and Dumplings

**Dessert:** Melting Moment Biscuit.

**Wednesday**

**Today's Menu:** Pizza, Diced Potato, Peas and Beans.

**Vegetarian Option:** Fish Cake.

**Dessert:** Milk Shake.

**Thursday**

**Today's Menu:** Chicken Curry, Rice, Green Beans & Sweet corn.

**Vegetarian Option:** Vegetable Stir-fry.

**Dessert:** Jam love cake and custard.

**Friday**

**Todays Menu:** Fish, Chips, Peas. and Beans.

**Vegetarian Options:** Cheese and Onion Pasty.

**Dessert:** Chocolate Rice Crispy.

**Extra-Curricular Clubs**

3.15-4.15 **Storey Time** Years Rec & Y1 Miss Webb.  
3.15-4.15 **ICT** Years 4,5 & 6 Mrs Desforges  
3.15-4.15 **IPAD** Years 1,2 &3 Mrs Rodgers  
3.15-4.15 **Athletics** Years 3,4,5 & 6 Mr Dear  
3.15-4.15 **Food Technology** Years 3,4,5 & 6 Mrs Smith (£1 per week to cover cost.)

3.15-4.15 **Fixtures Night** For those selected to play in school competitions Mr Dear  
3.15-4.15 **Maths** Years 2,3,4,5 & 6 Miss Richardson  
3.15-4.15 **Choir** Years 2,3,4,5 & 6 Mrs Rice  
12.30 **Phonics** Years 1& 2 Mr Cameron

3.15-4.15 **Multi Skills** Years 1 & 2 Mr Dear  
3.15-4.15 **ICT** Years 1,2 &3 Mrs Desforges (Now Full)  
3.15-4.15 **IPAD** Years 4,5 & 6 Mrs Rodgers  
3.15-4.15 **Card Making** Years 5 & 6 Mrs Shepherdson

3.15 4.15 **Football Club** Years 3,4,5, & 6

3.15-4.15 **Cookery Club** Years Rec, Y1 & Y2 (Now Full)

3.15 -4.15 **Benchball** Years 3,4,5 & 6 Mr Dear.